

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-19, 21-24, and 30-41 are presently active in this case, Claims 17, 21, 36, and 39 having been amended by way of the present Amendment.

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein as they are believed to place the application into condition for allowance, and as they are not believed to raise any issues that were not previously considered.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 17-19, 23, 24, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,468,141). Claims 1-19, 21-24, and 30-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Suga (JP 09-155928) as evidenced by Iwami et al. For the reasons discussed below, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the art rejections.

In the Official Action, the Examiner notes that the rejections can be overcome if the Applicants were to use language requiring the imperfect transfer portions to be on the same side as the reference portion. The Applicants submit that Claims 17, 21, 36, and 39 have been amended to incorporate language of this nature. For example, Claims 17 and 21 recite a plastic molding comprising, among other features, a reference portion for setting the plastic molding is provided on a side surface adjacent to a transfer surface, and two imperfect transfer portions of the plurality of imperfect transfer portions are provided on the same side surface as the reference portion. Claims 36 and 39 recite a plastic molding comprising,

among other features, a reference portion for setting the plastic molding is provided on a side surface adjacent to the at least one transfer surface, and a pair of imperfect transfer portions are provided on the same side surface as the reference portion. The Applicants submit that the references of record fail to disclose such features.

Claims 18, 19, 22-24, and 30-32 are considered allowable for the reasons advanced for Claim 17 from which they depend. These claims are further considered allowable as they recite other features of the invention that are neither disclosed, taught, nor suggested by the applied references when those features are considered within the context of Claim 17.

Claims 33-35 are considered allowable for the reasons advanced for Claim 21 from which they depend. These claims are further considered allowable as they recite other features of the invention that are neither disclosed, taught, nor suggested by the applied references when those features are considered within the context of Claim 21.

Claims 37 and 38 are considered allowable for the reasons advanced for Claim 36 from which they depend. These claims are further considered allowable as they recite other features of the invention that are neither disclosed, taught, nor suggested by the applied references when those features are considered within the context of Claim 36.

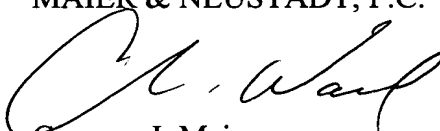
Claims 40 and 41 are considered allowable for the reasons advanced for Claim 39 from which they depend. These claims are further considered allowable as they recite other features of the invention that are neither disclosed, taught, nor suggested by the applied references when those features are considered within the context of Claim 39.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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